

352.0742B

L84

1847

c.2

A

STATEMENT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,

OF THE

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY,

FOR THE YEAR

1847-8,

WITH A REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MANCHESTER, N. H.

PRESS OF J. G. ADAMS, THE AMERICAN OFFICE
1848.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY



ACCOUNTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$91 71	
No. 2,	84 98	
No. 3,	52 82	
No. 4,	69 44	
No. 5,	71 10	
No. 6,	53 23	
No. 7,	63 40	
No. 8,	94 95	
No. 9,	56 97	
No. 10,	11 08	
No. 11,	46 64	\$696 32

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Treasurer,	308 40	
County Treasurer,	328 19	636 59

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Josiah Sleeper for plank and timber,	5 03	
William Anderson for plank,	7 02	
Jonathan Young,	30 85	
Jonathan Young,	82 24	
John H. Copp,	43 75	
Ira Russell,	43 32	
Silas Barker,	39 07	
William P. Richardson,	11 72	
Cyrus Nesmith,	14 13	
Joseph Harvell,	1 00	
John Goss,	1 30	
C. & M. Boyd,	6 00	
Thomas Patterson,	5 00	
Josiah Goodwin,	7 00	
Non-resident Highway Tax, in labor,	115 93	413 36

POOR OUT OF ALMS-HOUSE.

Paid Francis M. Chase,	\$5 00	
William Pettengill jr.,	6 25	
John Shipley,	2 25	
Plummer & Gage,	7 24	
James Everton,	52 00	
Mary Bancroft,	13 00	
Jonathan Young,	2 12	
Jonathan Young,	2 25	
Jonathan Young,	5 25	
William Smith,	20 00	\$115 36

POOR IN THE ALMS-HOUSE.

Paid John N. Anderson,	1 57	
David Flanders, for doctoring town poor,	4 00	
David Flanders, for doctoring county poor,	5 00	
Aaron P. Hardy, Superintendent,	250 00	260 57

MILITIA.

Paid soldiers' rations on muster field,	67 50	
military bounties,	28 50	96 00

ABATEMENTS.

John Folsom, for taxes, 1846,	80	
On William A. Holmes' list of taxes, 1846,	3 06	
Robert Boyd jr.,	31	
On William A. Holmes, list of taxes for 1847,	15 15	
Isaac Plummer,	76	20 08

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Cyrus Nesmith, selectman, 1846,	1 18	
John N. Anderson, selectman, 1846,	1 18	
Arley Plummer, selectman, 1846,	1 18	
Josiah Sleeper, clerk, 1847,	8 00	
Josiah Sleeper, selectman, 1847,	37 16	
Jonathan Young, selectman, 1847,	24 39	
Reed P. Clark, selectman, 1847,	37 24	
Robert Boyd jr., treasurer,	15 00	
William A. Holmes, collector,	45 00	
David Flanders, superintending school committee,	10 00	
Jonathan McAllister, superintending school com.,	10 00	
A. W. Mack, superintending school committee,	6 00	
Robert Mack, auditor,	1 18	
Reuben White, auditor,	1 18	
Nathan Plummer, auditor,	1 18	199 87

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Warren Richardson,	\$3 00	
John Holmes, for insuring alms house,	1 95	
John Shipley, hearse house,	2 06	
John Merrill, repairing harness,	1 00	
J. P. Vickery, guide-boards,	3 50	
Arley Plummer, postage,	45	
R. Boyd jr., interest on building committee's note,	56 14	
Reed P. Clark, interest on borrowed money,	2 50	
Josiah Sleeper, interest on borrowed money,	3 67	
Jonathan Young, interest,	2 35	
Aaron P. Hardy, interest on order,	13 50	
Josiah Sleeper, stationery,	1 50	
Reed P. Clark, town house,	2 00	\$93 62

EXPENSES OF BUILDING AND REPAIRING ALMS-HOUSE.

Reed P. Clark's Bill for articles furnished.

Town of Londonderry, Sept. 6, 1847,	Dr.	
To Glass \$6 60, nails 17 32, sash 7 20,	\$31 12	
Sept. 9, By planing and matching boards,	10 58	
10, By 14,000 shingles,	33 50	
14, By 2 boilers \$8 50, lead and nails 3 87,	12 39	
By thimbles for chimneys,	18	
24, priming sash and setting glass,	4 32	
Oct. 8, By clapboards \$30 00, 6000 laths 10 00,	40 00	
By 500 feet joist,	5 00	
18, By door trimmings, lead pipe and nails, sash and putty,	7 03	
Nov. 8, By lime \$6 12, 12th, by stoves and pipe 15 09,	21 21	
16, By paint and oil 6 85, paid for plastering 11 25	18 10	
By lime 1 12, boiler doors 75 cts.,	1 87	
By iron for chimneys, 30, brick 9.70	10 00	
26, By oil and paint,	4 13	
Drew for painting 2 days,	2 33	
Dec. 13, Paid for sawing lumber 21 34, for laying brick 4 50,	25 84	
15. Paid for 1229 ft. boards 15 97, 5 gls. oil, 3 60,	19 57	
Jan. 4, '48, By 3½ days painting 2 30, 28th, 1 day painting 1 00,	3 30	
Feb. 9, '48, Paid Aaron P. Hardy for articles furnished,	6 25	
17, By one day painting 75 cts., 1½ gal. oil, 1 05,	1 80	258 50
R. P. Clark's Bill for services at alms-house,	12 58	
John Shipley's bill for carpenter work,	78 98	
Daniel Shipley's bill for carpenter work,	33 00	

\$124 56 124 56

Making the expenses in cash at Alms-house, \$315 73

It was generally understood that there was lumber enough furnished to make the repairs, which was not the case. Our bills were something like \$95 for lumber which we thought best to pay in ~~cash~~ *part* off the farm.

RECAPITULATION.

The Selectmen of Londonderry in account with said town :

	Dr.		Cr.
To balance in Treasury March 1, 1847,	\$306 77	By paid for schools,	\$696 32
Resident list, town, county, state and school,	1,638 05	State and County tax,	636 59
Non-resident,	296 69	Roads and bridges,	413 36
do highway,	259 78	Poor out of alms house,	115 36
Railroad tax from State,	36 30	Poor in alms house,	260 57
Note from County Treasury,	344 50	Militia,	96 00
Interest Surplus Revenue,	207 10	Abatements,	20 08
Interest Literary Fund,	35 04	Town officers,	199 87
Literary Fund from State Treasury,	46 65	Contingent expenses,	93 62
Cash for Lumber,	57 35	Paid addition & repairs of alms house,	383 08
Cash from J. Young for lumber,	4 22	Paid old orders,	247 75
Principal of Surplus Revenue,	3,478 00	Principal of Surplus Revenue,	3,478 00
Principal of Literary Fund,	556 93	Principal of Literary Fund,	556 93
	<hr/> \$7,269 38	Balance in favor of town,	71 85
			<hr/> \$7,269 38

There are non-resident highway receipts for the year 1847, not yet received, which will probably amount to forty or fifty dollars.

We would here remark that there is an outstanding order of 1846, for \$225, not included in the above account.

The town is also indebted to Treasurer for a note of nine hundred and thirty-five dollars, for surplus revenue expended in building town house.

JOSIAH SLEEPER,
JONATHAN YOUNG, } *Selectmen 1847.*
REED P. CLARK, }

LONDONDERRY, March 1, 1848.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Londonderry for the year ending March 1, 1848, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen of said town, and found the same methodically kept, correctly cast, and properly vouched.

ROBERT MACK,
REUBEN WHITE, } *Auditors.*
NATHAN PLUMMER, }

ACCOUNT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

<i>Town of Londonderry to A. P. Hardy,</i>		<i>Dr.</i>
Feb. 24, 1847.	Paid J. N. Anderson old account,	\$47 04
	To Plummer & Gage,	6 77
March 4,	T. Cheney, for fish,	26
8,	R. White, for spirit,	23
April 2,	To Manchester for goods,	38
9,	To pedlar for matches,	15
12,	J. Goss for plaster,	2 00
22,	S. Bancroft for basket,	16
24,	M. Holmes, for potatoes,	2 50
May 11,	S. Flanders, for shoeing horse,	10
	R. White, for spirit,	23
	R. White, for seed-corn,	60
June 2,	Methuen, for fish,	4 00
	Methuen, for salt,	27
4,	J. Harvey, for rye,	2 50
	S. B. Flanders, for blacksmith work,	75
	To Manchester, for goods,	83
12,	To J. Harvey, for rye,	3 75
14,	To B. F. March, for blacksmith work,	1 12
	To J. Goss, for plaster,	4 00
	To Selectmen, for oxen,	80 00
	To Manchester, for medicine,	62
July 30,	To J. Choate, for pigs,	5 00
	To J. Goss, for rye,	56
Aug. 2,	To S. B. Flanders, for shoeing horse,	50
9,	To J. Dickey, for rye,	1 00
	To J. Goss, for rye,	50
11,	To Baker, for biscuit,	25
12,	To B. F. March, blacksmith,	1 00
21,	To Baker, for biscuit,	20
	To R. White, for spirits,	20
	To Manchester, for medicine,	42
	To Gilbert & Plummer, for hat,	50
Oct. 5,	To B. F. March, for shoeing horse,	70
Nov. 26,	To Manchester, for goods,	1 00
Dec. 13,	To Mr. Emerson, for rye,	6 00
23,	To R. P. Clark, mending chain,	10
Jan. 12,	To Nashua, for expense,	30
15,	To S. B. Flanders, for blacksmith work,	28
18,	To J. N. Anderson, on account,	15 00
19,	To M. Adams, for balance account,	4 32

*Amount carried forward,**\$196 09*

	<i>Amount brought over,</i>	\$000 00
Jan. 25, 1848.	To B. F. March, for blacksmith work,	1 89
	To A. Borroughs, for rye,	2 65
26,	To Manchester, for medicine,	67
31,	To J. Brickett, for balance of account,	4 26
	To H. Craig,	50
Feb. 2,	To Whittier & McGregor, for sawing,	75
18,	To Mrs. Plummer, for ointment,	1 00
5,	To Betsey Dow, for quilts,	1 23
	To J. N. Anderson, for goods,	25 00
16,	To Miss McMurphy, for weaving,	1 95
	To J. N. Anderson, for goods,	21 00
19,	To Plummer & Gage, for balance of account,	11 03
22,	To J. Brickett, for mending wagon,	50
	To D. Whittier,	75
24,	To cash paid to J. N. Anderson,	16 00
		<hr/>
		\$285 37

Town of Londonderry in account with Aaron P. Hardy at the alms house,

		<i>Cr.</i>
Feb. 22, 1847.	By cash on old account,	\$48 23
March 1,	J. Austin, for hay and work,	7 25
6,	N. Boyes, for balance account,	1 17
April 21,	J. Morrison, for apples,	3 00
May 11,	J. Everton, for potatoes,	2 00
20,	Marcy Dustin, for potatoes,	7 68
	J. Dickey, for drawing lumber,	13 47
21,	J. Coburn, horse to Manchester,	33
June 2,	Methuen, with potatoes,	7 00
4,	Mr. Sargent, for oxen,	80 00
17,	D. Crowell, for horse and wagon, to Windham,	26
	J. Morrison, for potatoes,	26
July 1,	D. Crowell, for horse to Windham,	63
12,	J. Morrison, for potatoes,	3 00
20,	do do	4 00
Aug. 4,	J. Coburn, for potatoes,	1 40
11,	S. Barker, for cradling,	25
14,	S. Huse, for poplar tree,	2 00
Oct. 5,	D. Hardy, for onions,	1 75
7,	do do	1 50
8,	J. Shipley, for pumpkins,	25
15,	N. Boyes, for cider-mill,	50
22,	D. Hardy, for onions,	1 56
23,	W. Perkins, for cider-mill,	61
30,	D. Hardy, for onions,	1 35
	G. Moore, for cider and apples,	3 00
Nov. 10,	J. Adams, for making cider,	8 82
Dec. 9,	G. W. Greeley, closing shoes,	2 25
		<hr/>
	<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$201 51

	<i>Amount brought up,</i>	\$196 09
22, 1847	J. Hill, for drawing wood,	35
	W. McGregor, for oats,	13
28,	W. M. Boyes, for balance act.	2 85
Jan. 18, 1848.	F. Watts, for joist,	39
14,	J. Holmes, for hides,	5 24
15,	Mr. Colby, for cider & apples,	14 80
24,	W. M. Boyes, for drawing wood,	1 25
25,	George Lawson, for balance account,	3 55
26,	J. Bartlett, for cider,	17 50
27,	J. Morrison, for potatoes,	1 00
Feb. 8,	D. Crowell, for balance account,	2 99
9,	J. Young, for apples,	50
10,	C. Clark, use of pasture,	4 00
	J. Dow, for drawing logs,	5 50
11,	J. Dickey, for lumber,	21
17,	M. Fellows, for cider and apples,	14 00
	Manchester, for cranberries,	5 50
22,	D. Corning, for mill and wagon,	2 54
	R. P. Clark, for building materials,	6 25
		<hr/>
		\$285 37

INVOICE OF PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM, Feb. 25, 1848.

1 yoke oxen,	\$95 00
5 cows 115 00, 1 horse 25 00, 8 sheep 16 00,	156 00
3 shoats 22 00 100 bushels corn 100 00,	122 00
14 bushels oats 7 00 1 1-2 bushels buck wheat 75 c.,	7 75
5 bushels beans 8 00, 2 bushels rye 2 00,	10 00
9 tons hay 117 00, 300 bushels potatoes 201,	318 00
24 bushels apples 15 00, vegetables 1 50,	16 50
1 cask cider 2 50, 1-2 bbl. vinegar 1 50,	4 00
35 gallons soap 4 50, 80 lbs. butter 14 40,	18 90
2 barrels 26 00, 2 1-2 bbls. pork 45 00,	71 00
31 lbs. flour 1 75, candles 2 60, lard 7 00,	11 35
25 lbs. dried apples 1 25, tallow 3 10,	4 35
groceries 2 73, No. 2 hay 5 tons 45 00,	47 73

\$882 58

EXPENSES AT ALMS-HOUSE, FROM MARCH 1, 1847, TO FEBRUARY 25, 1848.

Dr.		Cr.	
John N. Anderson, for merchandise,	\$99 46	Paid J. N. Anderson,	\$97 46
Plummer & Gage, do	47 50	Plummer & Gage,	47 50
Moses Fellows, do	83 60	Moses Fellows,	95 63
Reed P. Clark, for 2 cows,	45 00	By cash for labor from A. P. Hardy,	5 00
Aaron P. Hardy, for 7 bushels rye,	7 00	Jan. 16, 1 yoke oxen sold,	80 00
Aaron P. Hardy, as superintendent,	250 00	Cash due from county,	262 00
	\$532 56		\$587 59
			532 56

Making a balance in favor of alms-house of \$55 03
 The town is also indebted to the farm for services of superintendent preparing
 lumber for alms-house and services while building and repairing, say \$50 00
 Also for boarding workmen, 40 00

Valuation of property at alms-house, Feb. 23, 1847,	\$804 15
Feb. 25, 1848,	882 58
Deduct last year leaves a gain of	<hr/>
	\$98 43
	<hr/>
	\$188 43

STATISTICS

OF THE SCHOOLS IN LONDONDERRY.

FOR THE YEAR, 1847-8.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Londonderry for the past year, herewith make the following report with the statistics of the several schools in said town.

March 1, 1848.

DIST.	TERMS	TEACHERS.	Wages per Month.	Length of Schools in wks	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Males.	Females.
No. 1,	Summer	Mary E. Humphrey,	6 00	12	53	30	23	30
	Winter	Samuel Gilcreast,	16 00	10½	52	40	33	19
No. 2,	Summer	Caroline E. Webster,	6 00	9	41	33	14	27
	Winter	Leonard Weston,	18 00	9½	50	35	24	26
No. 3,	Summer	Agnes L. Park,	6 00	13	23	18	11	12
	Winter	Jona. McAllister,	20 00	6	28	25	17	11
No. 4,	Summer	Susan Spaulding,	6 00	16	35	24	16	19
	Winter	Jona. E. Davis,	17 00	8	45	38		
No. 5,	Summer	Eliza J. Alexander,	6 00	13	36	26	14	22
	Winter	Montgomery Dickey	16 00	9½	39	29	25	14
No. 6,	Summer	Ann J. Pillsbury,	6 00	11	43	40	24	19
	Winter	Elbridge G. Farmer,	12 00	10	50	45	27	23
No. 7,	Summer	Maria Barr,	6 00	9	25	25	15	10
	Winter	C. J. Thorndike,	15 00	7	29	23	19	10
No. 8,	Summer	Jane D. Patterson,	7 00	11½	63	52	25	38
	Winter	John Dickey, Jr.	16 00	10	56	45	36	30
No. 9,	Summer	Charlotte A. Davis,	4 00	19	16	14	9	7
	Winter	R. John Hopkins,	14 00	7	22	16	15	7
No. 10,	Summer	With No. 3 in Derry						
	Winter	no returns,						
No. 11,	Summer	Laura J. Jones,	5 33	10	31	25	17	14
	Winter	Frank G. Pellet,	15 00	8	40	17	24	16

DISTRICT No. I.

The school, during the summer term, was taught by Miss Humphrey, who succeeded *well* in its management. The order of the school was good, and the scholars appeared to be interested in their studies; consequently a very good degree of improvement was made. The closing examination was honored by the presence of a goodly number of parents and others, and was highly creditable to teacher and scholars.

The winter term of this school was under the care of Mr. S. Gilchrist. He is a systematic and thorough teacher, and conducted his school, as far as the committee are aware, to the entire satisfaction of the district. The average attendance was quite large, considering the fact that many of the scholars reside at a great distance from the school-house, rendering their attendance exceedingly irregular. Mr. G. succeeded in infus-

ing into the minds of his scholars a good degree of interest in their studies; thus rendering the school pleasant and profitable. The committee regret, that owing to the inclemency of the weather, they were unable to visit the school at the close, as they feel confident that the examination would have been highly satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. II.

SUMMER SCHOOL. Miss Caroline E. Webster, Teacher.—Whole number of scholars attending school, 41; present at examination, 27. Miss Webster seems to possess all the requisite qualifications of a good teacher, except the ability to keep the children in order. Where this is wanting, but little improvement can be made. In this school, as in some others in town, a serious obstacle in the way of progress is the unsuitableness of the text books. It is to be hoped that a uniform series of books will ere long be used in all the schools.

WINTER TERM. Mr. Weston succeeded well in this school. He is an earnest, persevering and faithful teacher, and an excellent disciplinarian. The instruction given in all the branches was thorough and practical, and a very commendable degree of improvement was made in the different studies. The examination at the close of the term was unusually interesting.—Most of the classes sustained a somewhat protracted examination, with credit to themselves and their teacher. The classes in Adams' Arithmetic, Wells' Grammar, and Smith's Geography, were deserving of particular notice. A respectable number of the inhabitants of the district manifested their interest in the school, by attending the closing examination.

DISTRICT No. III.

SUMMER TERM. This school was under the charge of Miss Agnes L. Park. She is an energetic and efficient teacher, and kept a good school. The classes in arithmetic and geography appeared to have made great proficiency; the writing-books were kept neat and clean, and exhibited considerable improvement; and all the exercises attested the industry and fidelity of the teacher. Miss Park is a good disciplinarian, and her scholars were remarkably quiet and orderly in their deportment.

WINTER TERM. This is a small, but good school. The scholars are constant in their attendance, studious in their habits, and manifest a disposition to improve their advantages in the best manner. As the school was not visited by the committee at its close, no examination was made; but it is believed that the school would compare favorably with others in town.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

SUMMER TERM. This school was admirably taught by Miss Spaulding, who is a well qualified, thorough and successful teacher. Whatever was done, was done well; and the scholars at the examination gave satisfactory evidence of having been well instructed, and of understanding what they had learned. She secured not merely the confidence and affection of her pupils, but an uncommon degree of interest in their studies, with corresponding improvement in all the branches.—The interest of the examination was increased by the presence of a large number of the friends of the school.

WINTER TERM. The school was taught by Mr. J. E. Davis. Mr. D. has had much experience in teaching, and would doubtless succeed well in a school requiring less energy, tact and resolution than are necessary to maintain a suitable degree of order and decorum in a school like this. It is to be regretted that a spirit of insubordination was manifested by some of the larger boys, which rendered the school far less profitable than it would otherwise have been.

DISTRICT NO. V.

SUMMER SCHOOL. Miss Eliza J. Alexander, Teacher. The condition of this school at the closing examination, gave abundant evidence of the fidelity and aptness of the teacher. Miss A. seemed to possess the confidence and affection of her scholars, and the interest they appeared to take in the exercises, and the promptness with which they gave their answers, made it evident that the school had been a profitable one. Manifest improvement had been made in most of the branches taught; and nothing was noticed worthy of censure except a general lowness of tone in reading and reciting, which it is to be hoped will be corrected.

It spoke well for the school and the district that nearly all the scholars and a goodly number of parents, were present at the examination.

Mr. M. Dickey had charge of this school during the Winter term. He is a well known and successful teacher, and the school under his instruction succeeded in maintaining the high reputation it has hitherto enjoyed. This is a pleasant school and easily governed, and the scholars seem to realize that their interests do not conflict, but harmonize with those of their teacher; accordingly they yield a cheerful obedience to the necessary regulations of the school. The school at the examination exhibited a good degree of proficiency in the different studies, especially in reading, in which there was a very marked improvement.

DISTRICT No. VI.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Ann Pillsbury, Teacher. Was visited once. Good order and discipline rendered this school a pleasant and profitable place of resort to the young generation, in order to prepare themselves for future usefulness and prosperity in life. Much improvement was made, but the school unexpectedly closed in consequence of sickness, by which means the committee regret their inability to repeat the visit at the close.

The Winter school is now taught by Mr. E. G. Farmer. It has been visited once, and from what can be learned, in the general deportment of the scholars and the diligent and active habits of the teacher, a good degree of improvement is expected. There was a stillness in this school which is rarely found in district schools.

DISTRICT No. VII.

SUMMER SCHOOL. Miss Maria Barr, Teacher. The school was managed with good taste and discipline; the improvement of the pupils was such as to reflect honor on themselves and their teacher. Much care and benevolent effort was exerted by the teacher for the improvement and welfare of those intrusted to her charge.

WINTER TERM. Mr. C. J. Thorndike had charge of this school during this term. There was good progress made in this school, especially in reading and spelling. The class in English grammar also distinguished themselves, and deserve much praise for their good conduct and studious habits. The youth and inexperience of the teacher, and the inconvenient and unsuitable school-house must in some measure be an apology for the want of system and order in the management of the schools.

DISTRICT No. VIII.

SUMMER SCHOOL. Miss J. D. Patterson, Teacher. The appearance of this school was satisfactory. Commendable improvement had been made in most of the classes. The spelling was very good—a branch in which the school excels. A class in grammar had made good progress. This branch had been much neglected in No. 8. At present the science seems to be getting a little more popular. The writing-books had been neatly kept, and exhibited much progress. With a more capacious school-room and a better selection of text books, much more might be done by teachers for the school.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, Mr. John Dickey jr. From several visits by the committee, it appeared that this school was

ably and faithfully conducted. The teacher was never weary in well doing, and those committed to his care exhibited a zeal in acquiring knowledge rarely excelled. This school was alike creditable to the teacher and scholars. On the last day of the school, there were found several respectable citizens who took sufficient interest in the welfare of the rising generation to induce them to visit the school. This circumstance is mentioned with pleasure, as visits of this kind are of very rare occurrence.

DISTRICT No. IX.

The summer term of this school, under the care of Miss Davis, was long, and the management and general order satisfactory. A good degree of improvement was exhibited, and the teacher appeared faithful and persevering.

WINTER TERM. R. J. Hopkins, Instructor. It appeared to be the wish of Mr. Hopkins to instruct those under his care in the best manner, and also to enforce rigid discipline.—For the latter course, however, the committee state with regret, that some parents neglected or refused to avail themselves of the advantages of educating their children, by withdrawing them from school. The reports in this case are so contradictory that the committee forbear to express any decided opinion with regard to the merits or demerits of either party.

DISTRICT No. XI.

Miss Laura J. Jones, Teacher. This school, on examination, appeared well, and it is believed that good progress was made by many. The school very happily commenced and terminated in a peaceful and quiet manner.

The teacher of the winter school was Mr. F. G. Pellet. It will be perceived by the annexed table that there has been a strange want of punctuality in the attendance of the scholars. This was owing to a spirit of insubordination among some of the larger members of the school, exhibited at the beginning and continued through its whole period. This unhappy state of affairs, which is always so destructive to the good order and peace of society, it is hoped may never again occur. The committee are of opinion that under favorable circumstances, and had there been a willing and cheerful obedience on the part of the scholars, Mr. Pellet would have acquitted himself honorably, and that much benefit might have been derived from his instruction; but such not being the fact, we are compelled to say that the school was not profitable to the district, nor very honorable to the originators of this serious and unhappy disturbance.

It is with satisfaction that the committee are enabled to state that a desire for the improvement of common schools appears to be generally diffused throughout the whole country; and in the town of Londonderry there has manifestly been an improvement not only in the manner of teaching, but also in the general deportment, the good demeanor and effort to acquire knowledge on the part of those who were taught. It has rarely if ever fallen to our lot to witness so many of the young and rising generation of our town show such a praiseworthy ambition to learn. In these laudable endeavors, it gives us much pleasure to state that they have generally been successful.

If it should happen that there are a select few who are too wise to learn, too stubborn to submit to good and wholesome regulations, made for their own welfare, and too immoral to associate with the youths who frequent our common schools, to such we have little to say.

It is unnecessary to render any *darker* the shade that rests on their characters.

To those parents who give countenance and support to the many cases of misrepresentation from children, with regard to the management of the schools, it may not be improper to remark that personal observation is much to be preferred to evidence of children, whose testimony would not be admitted in any court of justice in our country.

In some districts, parents have shown a feeling of sympathy with the teacher in his labors, by visiting the schools, and it has been observed in almost every instance of this kind, that the children of such parents do not fail of making good improvement of their time and of acquiring that knowledge which will render them useful and respected in the community.

The good sense of every parent will suggest to him that an old filthy building, in which he would hardly confine his lower order of animals, is not a suitable place for his children, in which to sit six uneasy hours each day, in the vain and delusive hope of making them scholars.

Much might be suggested with regard to improvement of school-houses, for the benefit of the health of the inmates. It might be shown from experience that when the school-room at nine in the morning is nearly as cold as a Greenland winter; and at noon the air is as hot and suffocating as that on the desert of Sahara, with no ventilation, ill health and prostration will surely follow, and little or no progress can be expected in any such school.

Some districts have erected neat and commodious school-houses, and the good effect has already been realized.

The subject of a teacher's institute has of late occupied the

attention of the friends of education in many parts of this State, and has been found highly beneficial in the instruction of young gentlemen and ladies in the art of teaching. It has raised the standard of education in those towns where a small part of the school money has been appropriated for that purpose, agreeably to the provisions of the law; and as far as the result is known, it has operated very favorably on teachers and scholars. A small sum annually expended in this manner would, it is believed, relieve the community from many unsuitable and inexperienced teachers, and thus prevent the waste of much time and money, which is now expended to very little purpose.

DAVID FLANDERS,)
JONATHAN McALLISTER, } Superintending
School Committee.

ERRATUM. On page 5, between the 5th and 6th lines from the bottom, the printer accidentally omitted the following line and did not discover the error until it was too late to remedy it.

Cash received for lumber from farm, \$57 35, \$57 35